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1. The 1 Infantry Division is stationed at Tirana. The division commander is Colonel Hito CAKO. The following units are attached to this division:
  - a. A reconnaissance company, a technical company, a guard company, an anti-tank battalion, an antiaircraft battalion, a heavy mortar battalion, a machine gun battalion, a communications company, a transport section, a medical company, and a division hospital. All of these units are stationed in or around Tirana.
  - b. The 1 Infantry Regiment is stationed in Shkoder.
  - c. The 13 Infantry Regiment is stationed in Kukes.
  - d. The 3 Infantry Regiment is stationed in Tirana.
  - e. An unidentified artillery regiment is stationed at Lesh.
2. The 2 Infantry Division is stationed at Elbasan. The divisional commander is Colonel Petit DUNJE. The division consists of the following troops:
  - a. A reconnaissance battalion stationed at Librazhd, a cavalry squadron stationed at Korce, other divisional troops at Elbasan.
  - b. The 9 Infantry Regiment stationed at Korce.
  - c. The 14 Infantry Regiment stationed at Elbasan, except for one battalion at Librazhd.
  - d. The 26 Infantry Regiment stationed at Pogradec.

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- e. An artillery regiment, with two battalions at Elbasan, and one at Korce
3. The 3 Infantry Division, stationed at Vlone (formerly at Gjinokaster).<sup>2</sup> The divisional commander is Colonel Vaske GDINJE. The division consists of:
- a. A machine gun battalion stationed at Lesh, a mortar battalion stationed at Lesh, an antitank battalion stationed at Lesh, other divisional troops at Vlone.
  - b. The 7 Infantry Regiment, probably stationed at Lesh.
  - c. The 18 Infantry Regiment stationed at Vlone.
  - d. The 31 Infantry Regiment stationed at Gjinokaster.
4. Other than the troops of these four divisions there are Albanian units not under any divisional command. These are the following:
- a. A cavalry regiment stationed at Tirana.
  - b. A communications regiment stationed at Tirana. It is equipped with Italian and German telephonic and radio apparatus. There are also some Russian 5 W, 40 W and 75 W apparatus in unknown quantity.
  - c. A technical regiment stationed at Berat, and consisting of a pontoon battalion, a pioneer battalion and a special mine battalion. Each battalion has three companies. The pontoon battalion has old "Durago" equipment and material for a 100 m bridge, coming from the USSR. (sic)
  - d. A heavy motorized artillery regiment, probably stationed at Tirana. The regiment is equipped with 122 mm howitzers and 127 mm guns. The prime movers are old American and new Russian machines.
  - e. Two antiaircraft regiments, stationed at Vlone and Tirana. Both regiments have old German and Russian guns. Four antiaircraft battalions are equipped with 37 mm and 40 mm guns. Each battalion has an antiaircraft machine gun company, using German 20 mm guns for close-in defense. There are also two batteries with 105 mm guns.
  - f. An antitank regiment, consisting of three battalions, one of which is equipped with Russian guns, the other two with German 88 mm guns. It should be noted that aside from this regiment each Albanian division has its own anti-tank battalion. These divisional battalions have three batteries, one of which is equipped with 47 mm guns.
  - g. A motorized transport regiment stationed at Drac. This unit has 240 cars, including Czech Skodas, old German Mercedes, Italian Oms and Fiat trucks, Russian Zis and Hungarian Csepel trucks. It is practically impossible to obtain spare parts for the Italian and German machines, and as a result many of the autos are continually out of service. The regiment has a mobile repair unit. It is reported that a new motorized transport section is being set up at Korce.

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1.   Comment:   3 Independent "Asim Zenal" Brigade is stationed in the Elbasan area with headquarters in the village of Mesatlik.
2.   Comment: Present listing does not include 3 Infantry Division stationed in Vlone. Moreover, the 5 Infantry Division and not the 3 rd Infantry Division, as reported above, was stationed in Gjinokaster prior to its movement to Korce

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